GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:967
ANSWERED ON:08.02.2017
Gauge Conversion of UdaipurAhmedabad Rail line
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to gauge conversion of Udaipur-Ahmedabad via Himmatnagar rail line is in progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent so far in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the gauge conversion work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 967 BY SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2017 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF UDAIPUR−AHMEDABAD RAIL LINE

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299 km) along with Modasa-Shamlaji (23 km) new line has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ` 1215 crore and an expenditure of ` 233.69 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016, with an outlay of ` 675.25 crore provided for the year 2016-17. The project has suffered in the past on account of insufficient funds allotment. Execution of this project has been taken up in phases as under:

(i) Ahmedabad-Himmatanagar section: All the tenders i.e. earthwork, bridges works, ballast supply, etc. have been awarded and the work taken up.
(ii) Himmatnagar-Udaipur section: Earthwork, bridges works, ballast supply and station building have been taken up. Subways replacing Level Crossings (LCs) have been completed.
(iii) Modasa-Shamlaji: Proceedings for land acquisition proposals for the new alignment as approved by Government of Gujarat by-passing the heavy built up area, have been taken up.

(d): Completion of a railway project is dependent upon availability of funds for allotment, acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timeline for completion of this project has not been fixed.
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